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Guided Missile Launch Sites (Rail Observations)

REFERENCE: 1. Request for Requirements dated 14 May 1958, E-58-281, Par. 3c.
2. Draft Collection Planning Aid on the Soviet ICBM Program
CIA/RR MP-223, 4 April 1958.

NOTE: The aid refers to and illustrates all types of guided missiles, Appendices C and G.

BACKGROUND

Refer to the Collection Planning Aid:

- Priority, page 1: 1.b. Location and number of operational launching sites.
- 2.b. Construction of launching sites and associated facilities.
- c. Transportation from production to storage to operational launching site.
- d. Location of storage and replacement facilities.
- Section VI, page 53: Operational Deployment
A. Introduction, pages 53 thru 74.
- Appendix G : Photographs

There have been numerous reports of construction of guided missile launch sites in Bohemia, especially in the areas bordering on West Germany. These reports invariably designate highly secure military construction projects, or secure military training areas, or remote areas in which forestry operations are in progress, as sites of guided missile activity.

Although it is possible that surface to surface or surface to air missile launching facilities may be under construction in these border areas, it is also possible that much less elaborate operational site activity is under way. Such activity might include:

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Advance surveying of potential launch positions
Storage of missile fuel and equipment in selected depots.

QUESTIONS

Refer to Draft Collection Planning Aid on Soviet ICBM Program, CIA/RR MP-223, 1 April 1958, Section VI, G. Information Desired, Page 78, 2. b through i.

1. Any information confirming or denying missile activity, including rumors, discussions or intimations of possible activity.
2. The location, designation, MUN, branch of service, insignia and size of any units suspected of missile activity.
3. Information on unidentified military survey activity in non-populated areas.
4. Description and location of any concrete or metal pad-like structures in areas adjacent to rail lines or roads.
5. Newly constructed spur lines leading to highly secure, unidentified facilities.
6. Description, time and location of sighting, direction of movement, description of associated vehicles, service of associated military personnel and any other relevant details in connection with sightings of the following missile associated transport equipment:
 - a. Unusual tank cars, perhaps large and heavy, with frost visible on the tank valves or nozzles. May be marked with skull and crossbones indicating toxics.
 - b. Missile transporters - extra long freight or gondola cars with removable top and/or ends.
 - c. Power generator rail cars - identifiable by their slope edged roofs and turret type protuberances.
 - d. Rail flat cars, coupled or extra long, carrying tarpaulin covered objects.
 - e. Extra long rail flat cars with special equipment for handling or servicing missiles.
 - f. Elongated, road-mobile trailers which might be used for missile transport.

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